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10–12 noon . . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 5 (NLB)

Informal consultations on:

Agenda item 132 (Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations: Accountability (A/66/692, A/66/738, A/66/710, A/66/710/Add.1, A/66/380, A/66/380/Add.1, A/65/788 and A/65/788/Add.1))

12 noon–1 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 5 (NLB)

Informal consultations on:

Agenda item 134 (Programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013: Human Rights Council: Financing (A/66/558, A/66/558/Corr.1 and A/66/7/Add.16))

General Assembly
Sixty-sixth session

The co-facilitators on the monitoring mechanism to follow-up on all commitments related to Africa's development needs will hold follow-up consultations with the United Nations funds, programmes, specialized agencies and regional commissions, *today*, 14 March 2012, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room C (NLB). A letter from the co-facilitators was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.

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General Assembly
Sixty-sixth session

There will be an informal meeting of the plenary on the final report of the High-level Panel on Global Sustainability (A/66/700) on Friday, 16 March 2012, at 10 a.m. in the General Assembly Hall. The Secretary-General will present the report. A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 9 March 2012, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.

General Assembly
Sixty-seventh session

The sixty-seventh session will convene at United Nations Headquarters on Tuesday, 18 September 2012, at 3 p.m., and the general debate will open on Tuesday, 25 September. The high-level meeting on the rule of law at the national and international levels will be held on Monday, 24 September.

The preliminary list of items to be included in the provisional agenda of the sixty-seventh regular session of the General Assembly has been issued in document A/67/50.

A draft programme of work of the plenary will be issued in July.

United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development
20–22 June 2012, Rio de Janeiro (Brazil)

Delegations are notified of an extension of the deadline until *Monday, 19 March 2012*, to inform the Secretariat of their participation at the debate in the plenary of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, to be held from Wednesday, 20, to Friday, 22 June 2012, in Rio de Janeiro (Brazil), pursuant to General Assembly resolution 66/197 of 22 December 2011. Requests for inscription on the list of speakers should be communicated, *in writing*, and hand-delivered to the General Assembly Affairs Branch (room IN-0613A).

The initial list of speakers for the debate in the plenary of the High-level Plenary Meeting will be established by a drawing of lots. A special meeting for this purpose will be held toward the end of March 2012, at a time and venue to be announced in the *Journal of the United Nations*.

A detailed note, dated 31 January 2012, concerning the procedures to be followed for establishing the list of speakers for the plenary meetings was sent to the e-mail addresses of all permanent missions and delegations. For further information, please contact Ms. Meriem Heddache (e-mail heddachem@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063).

General Assembly

Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations
2012 substantive session

Working Group of the Whole

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Rooms B and E (NLB)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Rooms B and E (NLB)

Consideration of the draft report by the Working Group of the Whole (A/66/591, A/66/598, A/66/15, A/66/619 and A/66/619/Add.1) . . . . . [6]

[Background information on the Special Committee is available and accessible to Committee Members and observers on the Web site of the Committee <https://www.c34.unlb.org>. For inquiries regarding user names and passwords or inclusion in the Committee mailing list, kindly contact Mr. Dino Del Vasto (e-mail del-vasto@un.org).]

[Members and observers of the Special Committee who will attend the session and wish to be included on the list of participants are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the Secretary of the Special Committee, Ms. Emer Herity (e-mail herity@un.org; room IN-613C, fax 1 (212) 963-5305). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail.]

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10 (NLB)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10 (NLB)

1. Development planning
2. Executive meeting

International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights

Human Rights Committee
One hundred and fourth session

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . 2867th meeting (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 4 (NLB)

1. Bureau meeting
2. Consideration of communications under the Optional Protocol of the Covenant . . . [10]
3. Organizational and other matters, including the adoption of the report of the pre-sessional working group on individual communications . . . . . [4]
4. Meeting with representatives of United Nations bodies, specialized agencies, national human rights institutions and non-governmental organizations . . . . . [5]

3–6 p.m. . . . . 2868th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 4 (NLB)

Consideration of reports by States parties under article 40 of the Covenant . . . . . [7]

Fifth periodic report of Yemen (CCPR/C/YEM/5)

Economic and Social Council

Committee for Development Policy
Fourteenth session

10 a.m.–1 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room 6 (NLB)
3–6 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room 6 (NLB)

General Assembly

Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development
Briefings

The secretariat of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (UNCSD) will hold briefings on the Conference and its preparatory process. The briefings will be conducted by the Head of the UNCSD Office and Director, Division for Sustainable Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), Mr. Nikhil Seth, *today*, 14 March 2012, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C (NLB) (on the institutional framework for sustainable development (IFSD)); and *tomorrow*, 15 March, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B (NLB) (on sustainable development goals (SDGs)). All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Irena Zubcevic, Division for Sustainable Development (e-mail zubcevic@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963 4528).

Economic and Social Council

Commission on the Status of Women
Fifty-sixth session

Informal consultations

Informal consultations (closed) convened by the Vice-Chair, H.E. Mr. Carlos Enrique García González (El Salvador), on agreed conclusions under agenda item 3 (a) (i) (Implementation of strategic objectives and action in critical areas of concern and further actions and initiatives: priority theme: the empowerment of rural women and their role in poverty and hunger eradication, development and current challenges) will be held *today*, 14 March 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 3 (NLB).

Other meetings

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Wednesday, 14 March 2012

Group of 77 (on the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 7 (NLB)

Group of 77 (on Fifth Committee matters)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 5 (NLB)

African Group (Fifth Committee experts)

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C (NLB)

Informal open-ended consultations with Member States convened by the Chair-designate of the upcoming Preparatory Committee for the 2012 Conference to Review Progress Made in the Implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB)

Other activities

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Expert Group Meeting on "Transfer pricing and capacity development in tax matters" (co-organized by the Financing for Development Office, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), and the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung New York Office)

From 9.30 a.m. to 1.30 p.m. and from 2 to 6.30 p.m. in Conference Room 1 (NLB).

[The event is open to members of permanent missions and permanent observer missions. For further information, please contact Mr. Michael Lennard, Financing for Development Office, DESA (e-mail lennard@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-5734); or visit <www.un.org/esa/ffd/tax/2012EgmTax/index.htm>.]

Panel discussion on "Human trafficking, HIV/AIDS, women's empowerment and art" (Ashley Judd in conversation with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime) (organized by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC))

From 3 to 4 p.m. in Conference Room 2 (NLB).

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Susana Castillo, UNODC (e-mail castillos@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5631).]

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at <www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.shtml>.

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Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium

12 noon . . . . . Press briefing by the Spokesperson

12.30 p.m. . . . . Mr. Alex Trepelkov, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA); and Mr. Armando Lara Yaffar, Chair, Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters (on the United Nations Model Double Taxation Convention between Developed and Developing Countries (2011 update), which was adopted)

1 p.m. . . . . Coalition for the International Criminal Court (CICC) [*Speakers*: Mr. Renzo Pomi, Representative of Amnesty International at the United Nations; Ms. Alison Cole, Legal Officer, International Justice, Open Society Justice Initiative; and Mr. Param-Preet Singh, Senior Counsel, International Justice Program, Human Rights Watch (on the first-ever ICC verdict — the Lubanga Case) [*Moderator*: Ms. Jelena Pia-Comella, Programme Director, CICC]

Announcement for Member States on issuance of communications

Delegations requesting issuance of communications as documents of the General Assembly should ensure that they are addressed to the Secretary-General and signed by the Permanent Representative or Chargé d'affaires of the Permanent Mission to the United Nations. The communications should indicate the session of the General Assembly, and the number and title of the agenda item under which circulation is requested, using the agenda of the sixty-sixth session of the General Assembly contained in document A/66/251.

Electronic versions in Microsoft Word should be sent to gaab@un.org or dpu-dgacm@un.org, so as to facilitate the processing of communications. If versions in any other United Nations official languages are available, they should be included with a clear indication of the original language and/or which language versions are to be used for reference only. Further information may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-2332 or 1 (917) 367-5895; or by e-mailing at gaab@un.org or dpu-dgacm@un.org.

Forthcoming official meetings

General Assembly

Sixty-sixth session

Fifth Committee

First part of the resumed session

The Fifth Committee will hold its 29th meeting on Thursday, 15 March 2012, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 2 (NLB). Informal consultations (closed) will be held following the adjournment of the 29th meeting, and at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 5 (NLB).

General Assembly

Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development

Informal informal negotiations

The Preparatory Committee will hold its first round of informal informal negotiations on the zero draft of the outcome document from Monday, 19 March, to Friday, 23 March 2012, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB).

The zero draft of the outcome document is available on the Rio+20 Web site <www.uncsd2012.org/rio20/>. Delegations are also advised that a password-protected Rio+20 e-discussion forum has been created to enable an exchange on the zero draft of the outcome document of the Conference. Delegations wishing to subscribe to the e-discussion forum are requested to contact the UNCSD secretariat (e-mail uncsd2012@un.org).

Third intersessional meeting

The third open-ended informal intersessional meeting of the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development will be held on Monday, 26, and Tuesday 27 March 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB). As this meeting is an informal one, no formal list of speakers will be maintained or opened for pre-inscription. Members of permanent missions, United Nations staff, and representatives of intergovernmental organizations and major groups are invited to attend. Background information on the session is available on the following Web site: <www.uncsd2012.org>. Please *click here* for the preliminary list of side events.

The Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM) will be servicing the third intersessional meeting in a PaperSmart way. Delegations and participants attending the meeting are encouraged to carry their mobile devices, including tablets, to the meeting to avail themselves of the PaperSmart Portal[1]. The Portal will be available for delegations participating in the third intersessional meeting of the Preparatory Committee from *Monday, 19 March*, onwards, at the following address: <http://papersmart.un.org>. For further information, please contact the ISPS Secretariat (e-mail papersmart@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-2025).

[1]The Portal is an initiative of the Integrated Sustainable PaperSmart Services (ISPS) Secretariat, Meetings and Publishing Division, DGACM. Application development and hosting for the Portal are provided by the Office of Information and Communications Technology, Department of Management, with branding and graphic design provided by the Graphic Design Unit, Outreach Division, Department of Public Information.

Ad Hoc Working Group to further study and strengthen the smooth transition process for countries graduating from the least developed country category

In accordance with General Assembly decision 66/553 of 22 December 2011, an informal meeting of the Ad Hoc Working Group to further study and strengthen the smooth transition process for countries graduating from the least developed country category, will take place on Friday, 16 March 2012, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 2 (NLB).

Background documentation for the Working Group, including a draft programme and issues note for this meeting, is available on the Web site of the UN-OHRLLS <www.unohrlls.org/en/ldc/916/>.

Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference to Review Progress Made in the Implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects

The Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference to Review Progress Made in the Implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects will meet from Monday, 19, to Friday, 23 March 2012, in Conference Room 1 (NLB).

Participants are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the Secretary, Mr. Sergei Cherniavsky (c/o Ms. Francine Leong (e-mail leong@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5305)). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail. Lists of delegations can also be delivered to the Disarmament and Peace Affairs Branch (room IN-611) and during the session to room NL-1033D.

Web site

Official documents, background information and other materials for the Preparatory Committee can be found at <www.poa-iss.org/RevCon2/>.

Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People

The Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People will hold its 340th meeting on Tuesday, 27 March 2012, at 10.30 a.m. in Conference Room 6 (NLB). Ms. Hanan Ashrawi, member of the Executive Committee of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) and member of the Palestinian Legislative Council, will brief on the situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory and developments in the political process. All permanent missions and permanent observer missions, as well as interested non-governmental organizations, are invited to attend. The meeting will be open to the media.

Committee on Contributions
Seventy-second session

The Committee on Contributions will hold its seventy-second session at Headquarters from Monday, 4, to Friday, 29 June 2012.

The attention of any Member States intending to request an exemption under Article 19 of the Charter of the United Nations is drawn to the provisions of General Assembly resolution 54/237 C, in which the Assembly, inter alia, urges such Member States to provide the fullest possible supporting information.

The Assembly also decided that requests for exemption under Article 19 must be submitted by Member States at least two weeks before the session of the Committee on Contributions, so as to ensure a full review of the requests. Accordingly, any such requests should be received by the President of the General Assembly *no later than Friday, 18 May 2012*. For further information, kindly contact the Secretary of the Committee (tel. 1 (212) 963-5306; room FF-610 (304 East 45th Street); fax 1 (212) 963-1943).

The Committee on Contributions will also be considering multi-year payment plans submitted pursuant to General Assembly resolution 57/4 B, as reaffirmed in resolution 64/248. Any Member States intending to submit such a plan are also invited to contact the Secretary of the Committee for further information.

Economic and Social Council

Pursuant to Economic and Social Council resolution 2011/23 and decision 2012/2, the President of the Council, H.E. Mr. Miloš Koterec (Slovakia), will convene a one-day meeting of the Council on Thursday, 15 March 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB), to consider the question of international cooperation in tax matters, including institutional arrangements to promote such cooperation.

The Council will have before it the report of the Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters on its seventh session (E/2011/45–E/C.18/2011/6)[1] and the report of the Secretary-General on the role and work of the Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters (E/2012/8).

During the morning meeting, a panel discussion on the theme "The role of multilateral bodies in strengthening international cooperation in tax matters" will be held, followed by a general discussion. During the afternoon meeting, the President of the Council will chair the launch of the United Nations Model Double Taxation Convention between Developed and Developing Countries (2011 update), after which the general discussion will continue.

Members and observers of the Economic and Social Council and representatives of intergovernmental organizations are requested to provide, *in writing*, as soon as possible, the composition of their delegation to the secretariat of the Economic and Social Council (e-mail alejandrino@un.org; room IN-603A; fax 1 (212) 963-5935), with a copy to the Financing for Development Office (e-mail taxffdoffice@un.org; room DC2-2148; fax 1 (917) 367-5869).

For more information please, contact Ms. Dominika Halka (e-mail halka@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-6653) or visit <www.un.org/esa/ffd/tax/2012ICTM/index.htm>.

[1] To be issued.

Resumed organizational session for 2012

The Economic and Social Council will hold elections to fill vacancies in the membership of its subsidiary bodies on Thursday, 26, and Friday, 27 April 2012. The agenda for the session is contained in document E/2012/2/Add.1*.

The deadline for submission of candidatures, established by the Bureau of the Council, is *Friday, 6 April 2012*. Delegations wishing to propose candidates for election are kindly reminded to address their correspondence to the ECOSOC Affairs Branch, with a copy to Ms. Sangeeta Sharma and Ms. Celia Syyap (e-mails sharma7@un.org and syyap@un.org).

The Chairs of the regional groups for the current month are kindly invited to inform the Secretariat of candidatures which may be forthcoming from their groups.

A list of candidates for these elections, as well as supporting documentation, is available on Candiweb. The supporting documentation is also available at the following address: <www.un.org/en/ecosoc/docs/insessiondocs.asp>.

Commission on the Status of Women
Fifty-sixth session

The Commission on the Status of Women will hold its 19th meeting on Thursday, 15 March 2012[1], from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 3 (NLB), in order to conclude its work for the fifty-sixth session.

[1]Pending approval by the Committee on Conferences.

Commission on Population and Development

Briefing

The Vice-Chair-designate of the Commission on Population and Development, Mr. William A. Awinador-Kanyirige (Ghana), on behalf of the Chair, will hold an informal briefing on the programme of work of the forty-fifth session of the Commission, on Wednesday, 21 March 2012, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7 (NLB). All interested members of delegations, representatives of non-governmental organizations and Secretariat staff are invited to attend.

Forty-fifth session

The forty-fifth session of the Commission on Population and Development will be held from Monday, 23, to Friday, 27 April 2012. The first meeting will be convened on Monday, 23 April, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 2 (NLB).

The provisional agenda of the session is contained in document E/CN.9/2012/2 and the proposed organization of work, in document E/CN.9/2012/L.1. Background information and official documents for the session may be found at the following address: <www.un.org/esa/population/cpd/cpd2012/cpd45.htm>.

Forthcoming other meetings

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Group of 77 (at the ambassadorial level)

Friday, 16 March 2012, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 2 (NLB).

Non-Aligned Movement: Coordinating Bureau (at the ambassadorial level)

Friday, 16 March 2012, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB).

Group of Friends of the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (at the permanent representative level)

Tuesday, 20 March 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 2 (NLB).

Western European and Other States Group (monthly meeting)

Wednesday, 28 March 2012, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 2 (NLB).

Forthcoming other activities

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Briefing on "Follow-up to the implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development beyond 2014" (mandated by General Assembly resolution 65/234 (A/RES/65/234)) (organized by the United Nations Population Fund) (UNFPA))

Thursday, 15 March 2012, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 3 (NLB).

[The briefing is open to members of permanent missions and permanent observer missions. For further information or the concept note for the review, please contact Ms. Lily Tong, UNFPA (e-mail tong@unfpa.org; tel. 1 (212) 297-5088).]

Workshop on "The trade dimension of Rio+20: Key issues for the outcome document" (co-organized by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) and the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC))

Friday, 16 March 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C (NLB).

[The workshop is open to members of permanent missions and permanent observer missions. For registration and further information, please visit <www.unctad.org/greeneconomy/NYworkshop>; or contact Ms. Ena Sawh, New York Office of UNCTAD (e-mail trade.environment@unctad.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-6893).]

Informal briefing on "Civilian capacity in the aftermath of conflict" (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Canada and Indonesia)

Monday, 19 March 2012, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 2 (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Patrick Travers, Permanent Mission of Canada (e-mail patrick.travers@international.gc.ca).]

Informal briefing on "Follow-up to the Global Plan Towards the Elimination of New HIV Infections Among Children by 2015 and Keeping their Mothers Alive" (organized by the Permanent Mission of Kenya)

Tuesday, 20 March 2012, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 2 (NLB).

[The briefing is open to members of permanent missions and permanent observer missions. For further information, please contact Mr. John K. Mosoti, Permanent Mission of Kenya (e-mail mosotijk@yahoo.com; tel. 1 (212) 421-4740).]

High-level briefing on "Broadening the concept of peacekeeping: The contribution of civil society to unarmed protection of civilians" (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Belgium, Benin, Costa Rica and the Philippines)

Friday, 23 March 2012, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7 (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Hanna Choa-Yu, Permanent Mission of the Philippines (e-mail hannachoayu@hotmail.com).]

Announcements

Training for delegates and staff of permanent missions

The Dag Hammarskjöld Library will conduct the following training for delegates and staff of permanent missions in Room DC2-1142, in English, on the dates indicated below. All interested are kindly requested to register by e-mail (librarytraining@un.org) or by telephone (1 (212) 963-5321).

Treaty research (from 3 to 5 p.m.)

Tuesday, 20 March 2012.

Introduction to United Nations documents (from 10 a.m. to 12 noon)

Thursday, 22 March 2012.

Official Document System (ODS) (from 10 a.m. to 12 noon)

Tuesday, 27 March 2012.

Introduction to the Map Collection (from 3 to 4.30 p.m.)

Tuesday, 27 March 2012; and

Thursday, 29 March 2012.

Researching using non-United Nations databases (from 10 a.m. to 12 noon)

Thursday, 29 March 2012.

Submission of national reports on the implementation of the United Nations Programme of Action on Small Arms and the International Tracing Instrument

With reference to General Assembly resolution 66/47 dated 2 December 2011, entitled "The illicit trade in small arms and light weapons in all its aspects" (A/RES/66/47), and Note Verbale ODA/43-2011/SALW-PoA, dated 13 December 2011, from the Office for Disarmament Affairs, Member States are reminded of the submission of national reports on their implementation of the United Nations Programme of Action and the International Tracing Instrument. Member States that have not yet done so are encouraged to make their submissions in advance of the convening of the Preparatory Committee for the Programme of Action Review Conference (19–23 March 2012). Member States may wish to make use of the reporting template, which enables direct on line submissions of their national reports and is available in the six official languages of the United Nations <www.poa-iss.org/reporting>. A unique user account name and password for on line submissions have been issued to Member States. Submissions may be transmitted on line or in hardcopy to the Office for Disarmament Affairs. For information and assistance, please contact the Office for Disarmament Affairs (e-mail conventionalarms-unoda@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-2390).

Informational meetings with Member States to discuss issues relating to language services

In accordance with the established practice mandated by the General Assembly, the Department for General Assembly and Conference management holds informational meetings with Member States twice a year to consult with them on the improvement of the language services and to provide a channel for communication on terminology issues and the quality of services rendered.

The first round of language-specific informational meetings for 2012 will be held in April, in Conference Room A (NLB), according to the following schedule:

Tuesday, 10 April, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.: *Arabic*

Tuesday, 10 April, from 3 to 6 p.m.: *Chinese*

Wednesday, 11 April, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.: *English*

Wednesday, 11 April, from 3 to 6 p.m.: *French*

Thursday, 12 April, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.: *Russian*

Thursday, 12 April, from 3 to 6 p.m.: *Spanish*

Credentials for forthcoming elections of members of human rights treaty bodies

The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights wishes to remind all States parties to the international human rights treaties that the rules of procedure of all meetings of States parties convened to elect members of human rights treaty bodies require delegations to submit credentials to the Secretary-General *prior to a meeting*. Many delegations fail to provide such credentials in advance of a meeting and the Secretariat continues to receive numerous obsolete credentials many months after the meetings have concluded. In order to assist delegations with ensuring the timely submission of credentials, advance notice is given of the following meetings of States parties in 2012:

Thirty-first Meeting of States Parties to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (1 May 2012)
<www2.ohchr.org/english/bodies/hrc/elections31st.htm>;

Seventeenth Meeting of States Parties to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (26 June 2012)
<www2.ohchr.org/english/bodies/cedaw/elections2012.htm>;

Thirty-second Meeting of States Parties to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (6 September 2012);

Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (12–14 September 2012); and

Fourteenth Meeting of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of the Child (18 December 2012).

All States parties are kindly requested to put in place the necessary arrangements to ensure that credentials for each of these meetings are submitted *no later than one week before* the meeting, in order to ensure the smooth running of the elections. Delegations are reminded that the credentials of representatives and the names of members of the delegation must be issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs. Credentials for the Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities should be sent to the secretariat of the Conference in the Department of Economic and Social Affairs. Credentials for all other meetings should be sent to OHCHR in New York. For any clarifications, please contact Mr. James Turpin, OHCHR (e-mail turpin@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-3292; room DC1-504).

Kindly take note that all elections for the Committee on Economic Social and Cultural Rights, including those scheduled to take place in April 2012, are organized by the secretariat of the Economic and Social Council, not by OHCHR. All queries related to these elections should be addressed to Ms. Celia Syyap, Economic and Social Affairs Branch, Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM) (e-mail syyap@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-0906).

Please note also that OHCHR is not responsible for the Human Rights Council elections. Queries related to these elections should be addressed to Ms. Mary Muturi, General Assembly Affairs Branch, DGACM (e-mail muturi@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-2337).

Summary of official meetings

Tuesday, 13 March 2012

General Assembly

Sixty-sixth session

Fifth Committee

First part of the resumed session

28th meeting

Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations . . . . . [132]

Progress towards an accountability system in the United Nations Secretariat

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The Under-Secretary-General for Management introduced the report of the Secretary-General on the progress towards an accountability system in the United Nations Secretariat (A/66/692).

The Chair of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee (A/66/738).

The Chair of the Joint Inspection Unit, Mr. Mohamed Mounir Zahran, introduced the notes by the Secretary-General transmitting the reports of that Unit on accountability frameworks in the United Nations system (A/66/710), and on transparency in the selection and appointment of senior managers in the United Nations Secretariat (A/66/380). Inspector Cihan Terzi, also of that Unit, introduced the note by the Secretary-General on the review of enterprise risk management in the United Nations system – benchmarking framework (A/65/788).

The Executive Officer of the Executive Office of the Secretary-General introduced, on behalf of the Chef de Cabinet, the note by the Secretary-General transmitting his comments on the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "Transparency in the selection and appointment of senior managers in the United Nations Secretariat" (A/66/380/Add.1).

The Senior Adviser on Information Management Policy Coordination to the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination introduced in one statement the notes by the Secretary-General transmitting his comments and those of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination on the reports of the Joint Inspection Unit (A/66/710/Add.1 and A/65/788/Add.1).

Statements were made by the representatives of Algeria (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), the European Union (also on behalf of the acceding country Croatia; the candidate countries Turkey, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro, Iceland and Serbia; the countries of the Stabilization and Association Process and potential candidates Albania and Bosnia and Herzegovina; as well as Ukraine and the Republic of Moldova, which aligned themselves with the statement) and Switzerland (also on behalf of Liechtenstein).

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion on this question.

The Chair informed the Committee that informal consultations on that question would begin on that day, Tuesday, 13 March, immediately following the adjournment of that formal meeting and would be coordinated by the Rapporteur of the Committee, Mr. Noel González Segura (Mexico).

Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments . . . [115]

(b) Appointment of members of the Committee on Contributions

The Chair drew attention of the Committee to document A/66/102/Add.1.

The Committee decided, by acclamation, to recommend that the General Assembly appoint Mr. Kazuo Watanabe (Japan) as a member of the Committee on Contributions, beginning on the date of the appointment by the General Assembly, until 31 December 2012, as well as to appoint Mr. Dae-jong Yoo (Republic of Korea) as a member of the Committee on Contributions, beginning on the date of the appointment by the General Assembly, until 31 December 2014.

(l) Appointment of members of the International Civil Service Commission

The Chair drew the attention of the Committee to document A/66/694.

The Committee decided, by acclamation, to recommend that the General Assembly appoint Mr. Luis Mariano Hermosillo (Mexico) as a member of the International Civil Service Commission, beginning on the date of the appointment by the General Assembly, until 31 December 2013.

Other matters

The Chair drew the attention of the Committee to the letter dated 1 February 2012 from the President of the International Court of Justice addressed to the President of the General Assembly (A/66/726).

Expression of appreciation to the Under-Secretary-General for Management

The Under-Secretary-General for Management made a statement.

The Chair of the Committee, the Chair of the Joint Inspection Unit and the Chair of the Advisory Committee of Administrative and Budgetary Questions, as well as the Senior Adviser on Information Management Policy Coordination to the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination, made statements and wished Ms. Angela Kane success on her new assignment in the Office for Disarmament Affairs.

Economic and Social Council

Special high-level meeting with the Bretton Woods institutions, the World Trade Organization and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development

6th meeting

Thematic debate of the whole on theme 1: "Promoting sustained, inclusive and equitable economic growth, job creation, productive investment and trade"

The Council heard presentations made by Mr. Jomo Kwame Sundaram, Assistant Secretary-General for Economic Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs; Mr. Shishir Priyadarshi, Director, Development Division, World Trade

Organization; and Mr. Rob Vos, Director, Development Policy and Analysis Division, Department of Economic and Social Affairs.

Following the presentations, an interactive dialogue ensued, in which statements were made by the representatives of Comoros, Bangladesh, Belarus, the Russian Federation, Nigeria and the Republic of Korea.

Statements were also made by the Executive Directors of the World Bank.

Statements were also made by the Executive Vice-President of the United States Council for International Business (business sector); the representative of Marianists International (civil society); the representative of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP (business sector); the senior representative of the NGO Committee on Financing for Development (civil society); and the representative to the United Nations of the Society of Catholic Medical Missionaries (civil society).

A statement was also made by the observer of the European Union.

Statements were also made by the representatives of the Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations and the International Labour Organization.

A statement was also made by the representative of the Regional Commissions New York Office.

The representatives of the major institutional stakeholders responded to the comments made and questions posed.

Organization of work

The President, H.E. Mr. Miloš Koterec (Slovakia), made a statement.

7th meeting

Thematic debate of the whole on theme 2: "Financing of sustainable development"

The Council heard presentations made by Mr. David O'Connor, Chief, Policy Analysis and Network Branch, Division for Sustainable Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs; and Mr. Michael Clark, Inter-Regional Advisor, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development.

Following the presentations, an interactive dialogue ensued, in which statements were made by the representatives of Germany, Brazil, Japan and China.

Statements were also made by the observers for Sri Lanka, Morocco, the United Republic of Tanzania and the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela.

A statement was also made by the observer for the European Union.

Statements were also made by the Executive Director of the Business Council for the United Nations (business sector); the representative for Latindadd (civil society); and the representative of the NGO Committee on Financing for Development (civil society).

The representatives of the major institutional stakeholders responded to the comments made and questions posed.

Closing of the special high-level meeting

The President, H.E. Mr. Miloš Koterec (Slovakia), made a closing statement.

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[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the Involvement of Children in armed conflict. New York, 25 May 2000

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[1]Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

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